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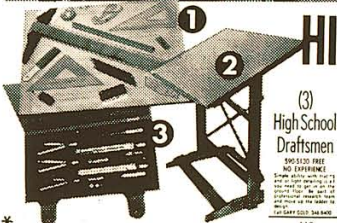
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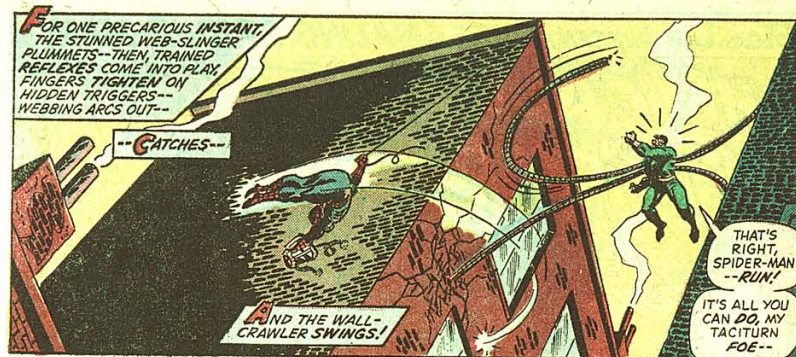
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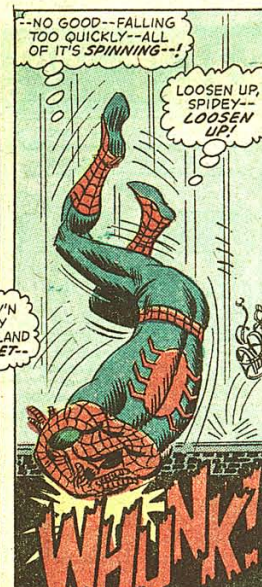
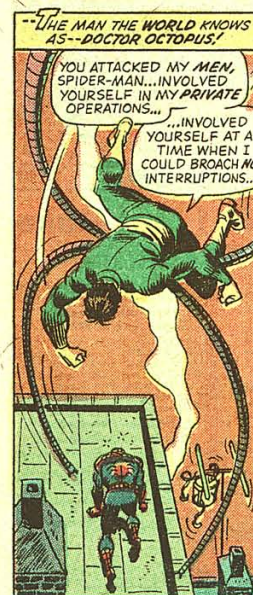


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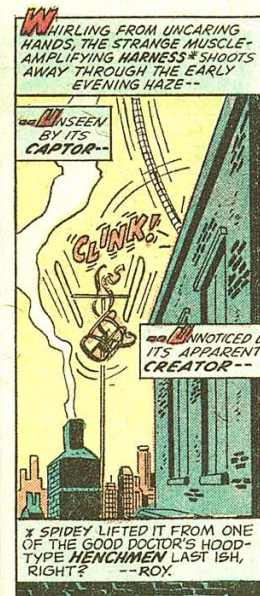
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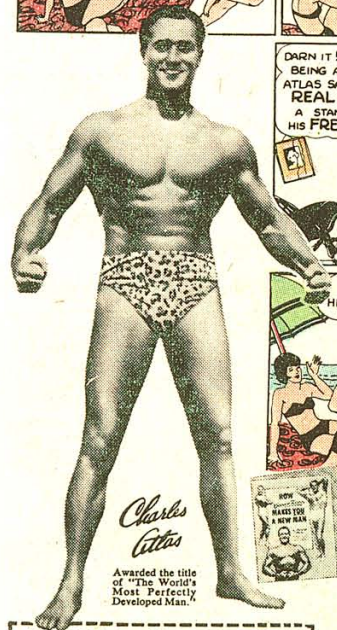


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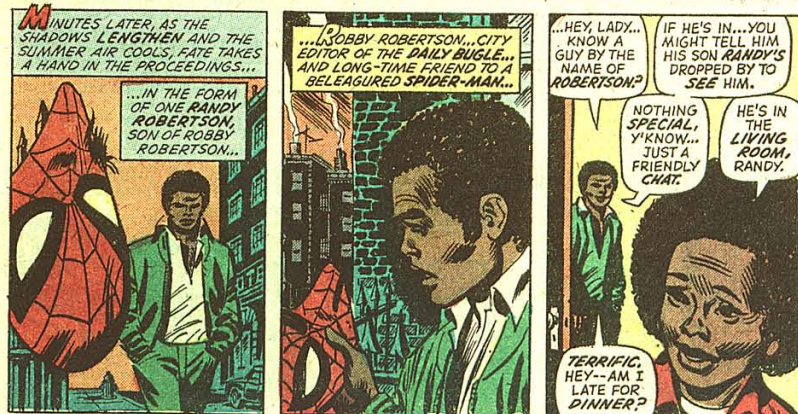
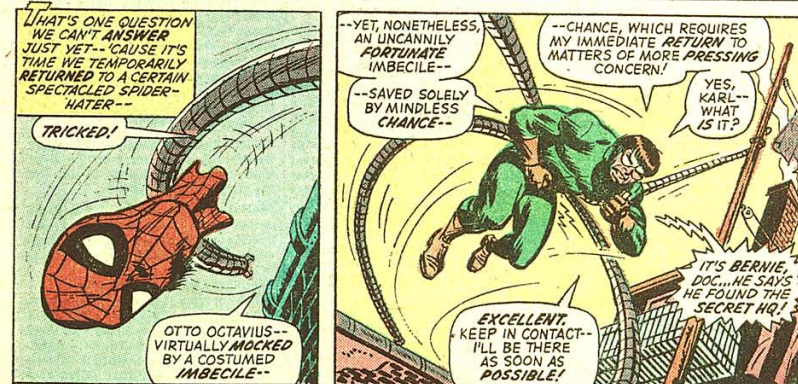
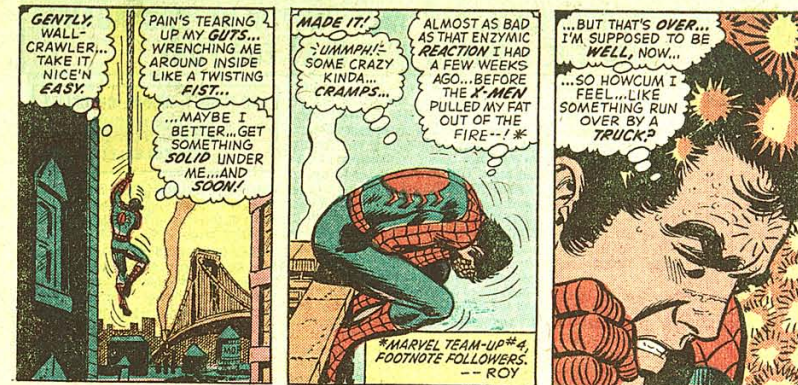
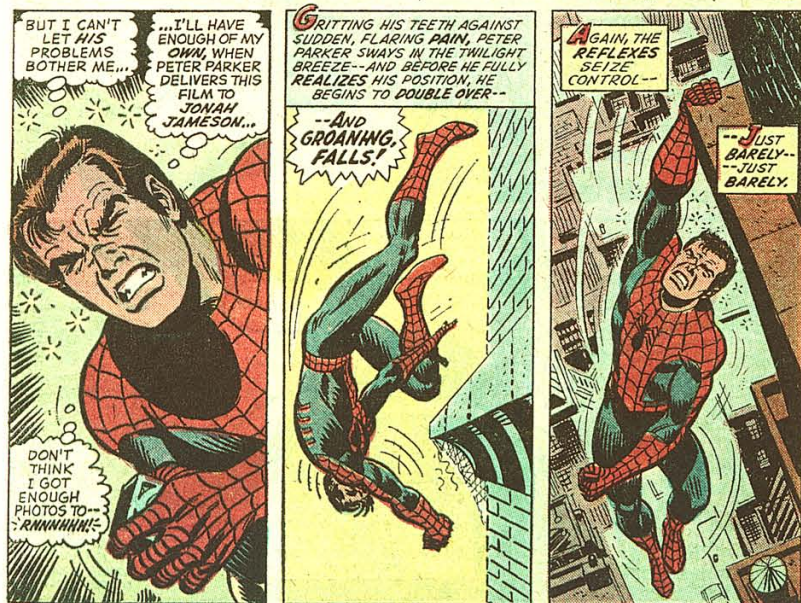
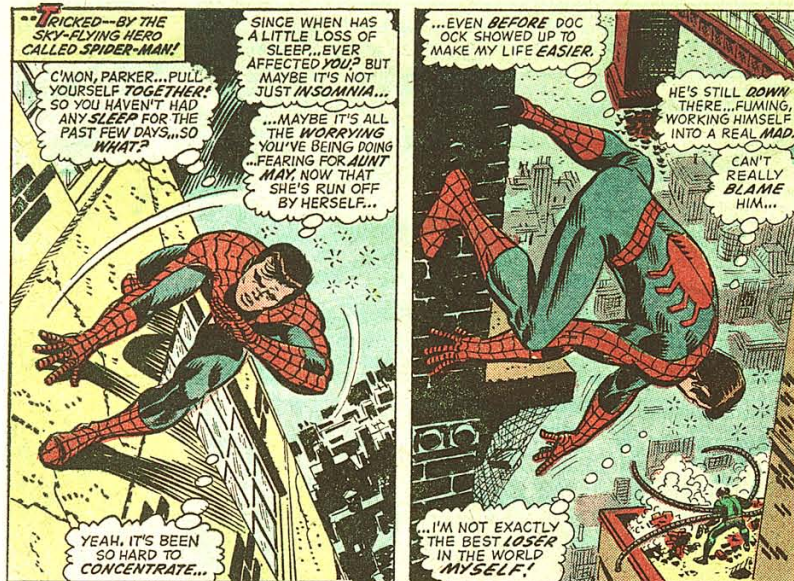
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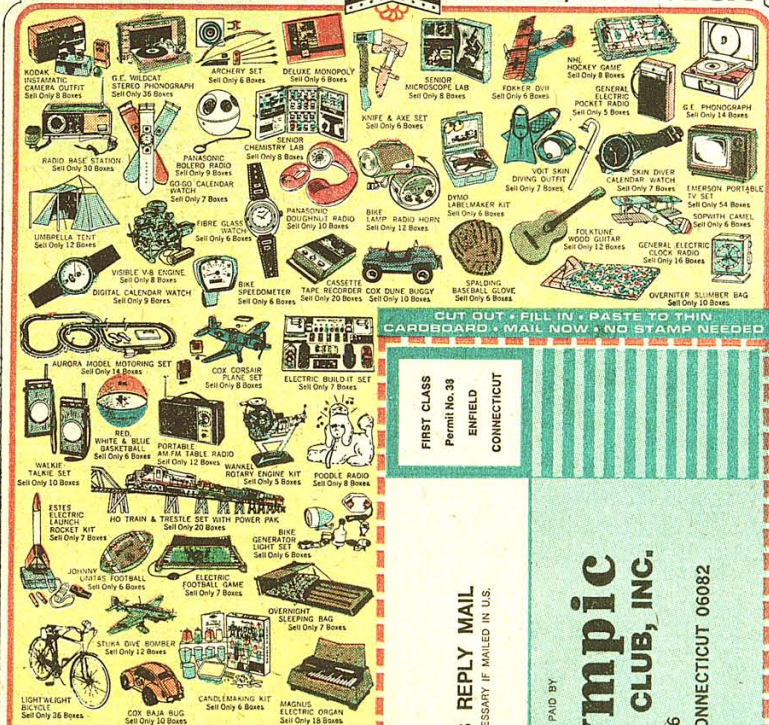
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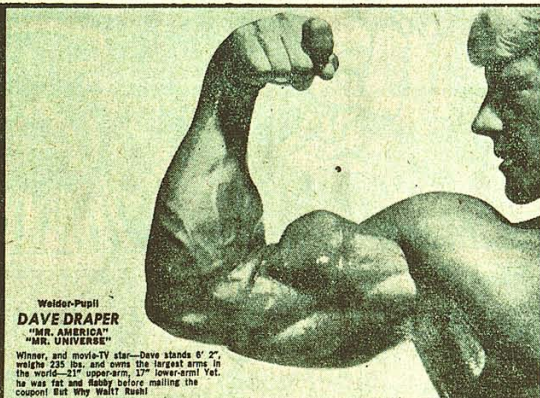
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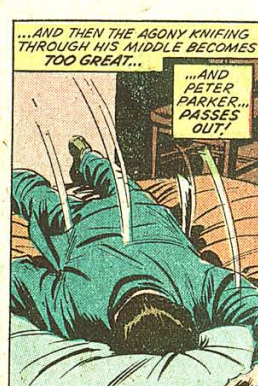


LATER THAT MORNING, AS DAWN LIFTS QUESTING FINGERS OVER THE GRAY MANHATTAN SKYLINE, A VERY LL GENT NAMED PETER PARKER MANAGES THE LAST FEW TREMBLING STEPS HOME...



...WHERE, DIZZILY, HE TRIES TO STRAIGHTEN, ONLY DISTANTLY AWARE OF THE VOICES MUTTERING IN THE ADJOINING ROOM...

ALMOST, HE GAINS CONTROL OF HIMSELF...

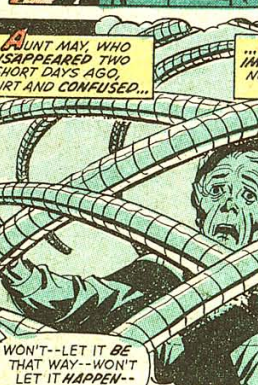


...AND THEN THE AGONY KNIFING THROUGH HIS MIDDLE BECOMES TOO GREAT...

...AND PETER PARKER... PASSES OUT!



HIS DREAMS, WHEN THEY COME, ARE TORTURED... NIGHTMARES BORN OUT OF FEVER AND FEAR, AND A ROOTED CONCERN FOR THE OLD WOMAN... HE CALLS AUNT MAY...



...AUNT MAY, WHO DISAPPEARED TWO SHORT DAYS AGO, HURT AND CONFUSED...



...AUNT MAY, NAIVE AND IMPRACTICAL... WHO EVEN NOW MIGHT BE DYING, ALONE...

...ALONE... WHILE PETER PARKER PLAYS AT BEING THE HEROIC SPIDER-MAN!



PROMISE YOU-- PROMISE YOU-- --I'LL FIND YOU-- NO MATTER WHAT-- I'LL FIND YOU--

PETER, WAKE UP-- PLEASE, PETER--



--YOU'VE BEEN HAVING A NIGHTMARE-- AND IT'S OVER, NOW.

WHEN WE HEARD YOU MOANING, HARRY AND I REALIZED YOU WERE BACK--

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

GWENDY... YOU...



I'VE BEEN WAITING HOURS FOR YOU, PETER-- I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU, AND--

OH, HARRY... YOU DID GET A DOCTOR...!

I LOOKED IN PETER'S PHONE DIRECTORY, AND--

DOCTOR BROMWELL!



DON'T LOOK SO SHOCKED, PETER... FAMILY DOCTORS DO MAKE HOUSECALLS, NOW AND THEN.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE RATHER CONCERNED FOR YOU, PETER... AND FROM THE LOOK OF YOU, I CAN SEE WHY.

Y-YOU CAN?



UM-HMM. THAT'S QUITE A NASTY CUT ON YOUR NOSE, SON.

BUT OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM...

...SO IF YOU'LL REMOVE YOUR SHIRT, WE'LL FIND OUT WHAT IS.

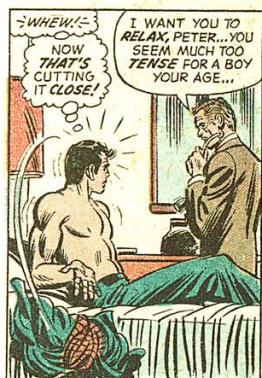
MUST'VE PICKED UP THAT CUT FIGHTING DOC OCK...



...BUT I CAN'T LET DOCTOR BROMWELL KNOW THAT...

...ANY MORE THAN I CAN LET HIM SEE MY COSTUME!

MOVE FAST, PARKER-- HURRY, BEFORE--



WHEW!-- NOW THAT'S CUTTING IT CLOSE!

I WANT YOU TO RELAX, PETER... YOU SEEM MUCH TOO TENSE FOR A BOY YOUR AGE...



...AND IT'S THAT TENSION, I THINK, WHICH IS THE ROOT OF YOUR CURRENT CONDITION...

MY CURRENT... CONDITION?

I HAVE MY SUSPICIONS, SON.

BREATHE DEEPLY, PLEASE...



SOON... JUST AS I THOUGHT, MR. PARKER... YOU'RE EXHIBITING ALL THE SIGNS OF NERVOUS EXHAUSTION.

MISS STACY... WOULD YOU STEP IN HERE A MOMENT?

YES, DOCTOR?



I'D LIKE YOU TO WATCH THIS BOY... SEE THAT HE EATS NOTHING SPICY, NO PEPPERS, TOMATOES... THAT SORT OF THING.

UNTIL I SEE FURTHER TESTS, I WON'T BE SURE...

...BUT I THINK OUR MISTER PARKER HAS HIMSELF ONE DANDY LITTLE DUODENAL ULCER!

WHAT??



AN ULCER...? WELL... I GUESS IT WOULD EXPLAIN THE WAY HE'S BEEN ACTING LATELY.

I CAN HARDLY BLAME HIM... WORRYING ABOUT HIS AUNT, AND ALL THAT...

...WHAT...?



HAVE THIS PRESCRIPTION FILLED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, MR. OSBORN.

THREE TIMES A DAY BEFORE MEALS...

...WHAT...?



MAYBE IF I JUST CLOSE MY EYES...?

NO GOOD, WHO AM I KIDDING, ANYWAY? IT HAD TO HAPPEN, SOONER OR LATER...

YOUR BODY CAN ONLY TAKE SO MUCH PRESSURE...



...AND THEN SOMETHING SNAPS... AND BAM...

...YOU'RE ON A MILK-AND-TOAST DIET FOR THE REST OF YOUR TENSION-TORN LIFE!



GREAT. SO NOW I'M A BASKET-CASE, RIGHT...?

WRONG. MUCH AS I'D LIKE THE REST, I CAN'T STOP NOW...



...FIRST I DELIVER THESE PHOTOS OF SPIDEY AND DOC OCK TO THE BUGLE'S DARLING PUBLISHER...

AND THEN I KEEP SEARCHING FOR AUNT MAY!



...DID THE BEST I COULD, MR. JAMESON... THE OTHERS CAME OUT OVER-EXPOSED.

I DON'T PAY YOU FOR MIGHT-BE'S, PARKER.

IF ALL YOU CAN GIVE ME ARE SHOTS OF THAT CONCEITED WALL-CRAWLER BATTLING A TRIO OF PUNKS--

WAITASECOND--



SPIDEY BATTLING DOC OCK-- THAT'S MORE LIKE IT, PARKER!

WITH ANY LUCK-- MAYBE WE'VE SEEN THE LAST OF THAT COSTUMED MENACE!

THE LAST...?



WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU, PARKER? DON'T YOU READ THE EARLY EDITIONS?

ROBERTSON'S KID FOUND THIS LATE LAST NIGHT--

--AND UNLESS THEY'RE MAKING THESE THINGS MARKED WITH BLOOD--

--THAT, M'BOY, IS THE REAL MCCOY!

MY MASK-- OH, NO... NO!

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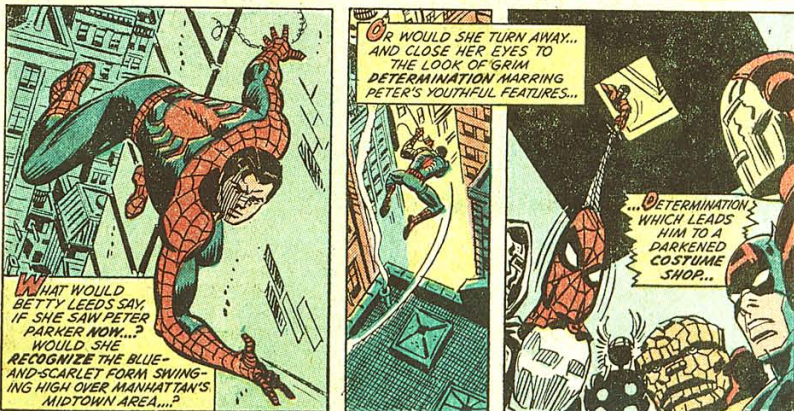
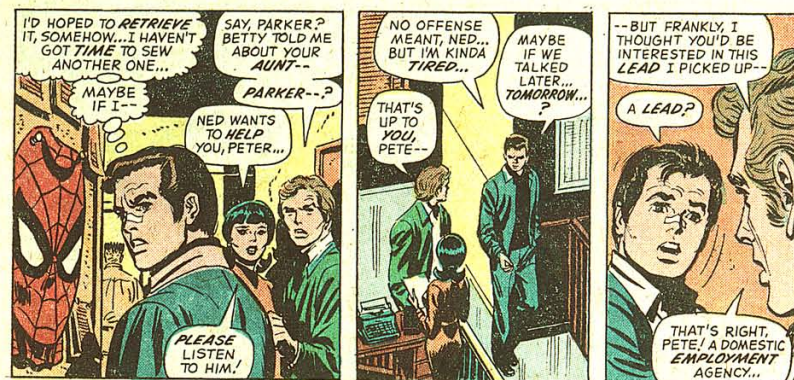
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SO MUCH FOR THE BEST-DRESSED HERO LIST, PETEY, OLD BOY...

LOOKS LIKE THOR'LL TAKE IT AGAIN.



BUT WHAT AM I COMPLAINING ABOUT? ASIDE FROM THE SMALL MATTER OF BREATHING, THIS MASK IS AS GOOD AS MY OLD ONE--

--AMAZING WHAT THEY CAN DO WITH CELLOPHANE THESE DAYS--

WITH MY LUCK, I'LL PROBABLY BREAK OUT IN A RASH--

RASH, HECK-- I'LL GET HIVES.



SAY--WAIT ONE MINUTE! THAT ADDRESS NED GAVE ME--

IT'S DOWN ON NINTH STREET--

--ONLY A BLOCK FROM WHERE I BUSTED UP THAT GANG BATTLE-- BEFORE MY LITTLE RUN-IN WITH DOCK OCK--



MAYBE IT'S JUST A COINCIDENCE-- AND MAYBE I'M JUST A TOUCH PARANOID--

--BUT COULD THERE BE SOME SORT OF CONNECTION BETWEEN AUNT MAY, AND--?

NAH. STILL-- IT IS STRANGE--

UUMPH--! THOSE CRAMPS-- THEY'RE BACK!

GOTTA REST A MOMENT-- LET MY MUSCLES LOOSEN UP, BEFORE THEY TIE THEMSELVES IN KNOTS--!



OH-H-H-H-H... WOW.

NOW MY HEAD'S STARTED SPINNING...

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE GOTTEN SOME SLEEP, AFTER ALL...

...JUST A LITTLE... FOUR, MAYBE FIVE YEARS...

WAIT... I'M NOT JUST FEELING FAINT... SOMETHING ELSE... MY SPIDER-SENSE, WARNING ME...



THE SPIDER'S WEB

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Let's see now... in SPIDEY #105, Stan Lee took back the scripting chores from Roy Thomas, and in #106, John Romita took over the art from Gil Kane, giving everybody the chance to do some comparisons -- and did they ever take the chance! In #109, we printed a few of the impassioned outpourings of reader preferences -- and now we present some outpourings on the outpourings. Take it away, gents...

Gentlemen:

A thousand and one thanks for returning SPIDER-MAN to its normal heights of greatness. Issues 105 through 108 have erased most of the damage caused by your mad Thomas-Kane experiment. #109 was another classic. Although issue 109 was deserving of much praise, congratulatory remarks are not the primary basis behind this letter. Readers of SPIDER-MAN have come to expect classics with Stan Lee and Johnny Romita at the helm. Some of the recently printed letters, however, have been surprising enough to warrant special attention.

It is totally inconceivable that anyone could find either Thomas' inane scripting (in this instance; Thomas is fine on CONAN) or Kane's inferior artwork preferable to the incomparable team of Lee and Romita. Romita's artwork is truly artwork. Romita draws realistically and not with the exaggerated ghastliness so characteristic of many comic book artists. For this he has to be considered a part of the upper echelon of artists in the comic magazine media. In addition, Stan Lee has been almost entirely responsible for making comic magazines a legitimate art form and something more than fantasy for children.

SPIDER-MAN has been Lee's best used vehicle for the promotion of that noble cause. The recent criticism is unjustified. Those readers who still remain loyal to comical comic books, however, are very determined to maintain them and their attack on quality has been vicious. The trend away from those simply drawn, simply written "escapades into the fantastic" should prove that once dominant style is now obsolete and no longer desired by the majority of readers. The fact that two of the pro-Thomas letters were submitted by the same individual serves to illustrate that the supporters of that defunct style are an extremely vocal but minute segment.

The audacity in saying SPIDER-MAN is dying when Thomas and Kane had him buried for four forgetful issues of idiosyncrasy is indescribable. Thomas brings us vampires while Lee gives us the first comic magazine to deal with drug abuse. To paraphrase -- Vampires! My God, Roy, no! Vampires and creatures called Gog belong in CREATURES ON THE LOOSE, not in a major title with the prestige Lee has built into SPIDER-MAN.

Tim Powers' letter summed up the true consensus of opinion held by Spider-Man's real fans. This letter merely restates the facts with the hope that Lee and Romita will be allowed to continue supplying the top quality effort exhibited by SPIDER-MAN from debut to 101, from 105 to?

David & Gary (PMM) Romeo
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Marvel:

All right now! I want in on this movement, for such it promises to be... add my typewritten voice to Conger's and Cole's, in #109. The name of the hue&cry is get Kane back on SPIDER-MAN!

Gil Kane, y'see, combines the optimum points of the strip's two previous artists, Ditko and Romita. Couldn't nobody draw Spider-Man like Ditko, all lean and suppleness whipping around on those web-ropes, slithering up old brownstone tenements, hanging upside-down in shadows with his eyelights luminous in the alley darkness. Can't nobody draw girls like Romita, and with Gwendolyn and M. J. gracing the pages as things of beauty and joys forever, the finding of an artist who can draw both Spider-Man and womenfolk is one heckuva *rara avis*. Ditko couldn't draw girls. Romita can't draw Spider-Man. Kane can draw both. As well as doing a damn good job on the rush of villains, bystanders, and staple characters. He is infinitely more suited, I feel, for SPIDER-MAN than he will be for CONAN. He adds that air of late-night, rooftop feeling to the travelling scenes; he draws the Spider-Man like the hybrid he is, scuttling around on the sides of buildings, or battling limber and loose, in contortionist poses. Romita doesn't. You can't put Spider-Man in the same poses, the same stances, as Captain America. It doesn't work.

So. Along with just a whole bunch of other people who look upon Kane's short turn at the strip as one of the high points of old suction-suck's career, I urge and exhort you to get him back on SPIDER-MAN.

J. Michael Reeves
San Bernardino, Ca.

Dear Stan and John,

To all ye Romita nay-sayers, I say thee FOOEY!!!

Odin
Asgard, New York

Dear Stan and Crew,

Since SPIDER-MAN #28, through Ditko, Romita, Mooney, and Kane, the web weaver has consistently been my favorite. Which artists do what strips is a matter of personal preference; of course I have preferences, but be it far from me to dictate them to you. I am such a passive character that your present reprinting of the X-Men has riled me only slightly. Naughty.

Speaking for a plethora of Marvel freaks on the banks of the Charles, I exhort you (gently!) to keep Spidey's ageless antagonists comin' back. His "Sinister Six" special issue carried the torch, as did the tingly blend of old and new at the conclusion of #101. Besides, we need the security of recognizing sly Stan's allusions to previous issues!

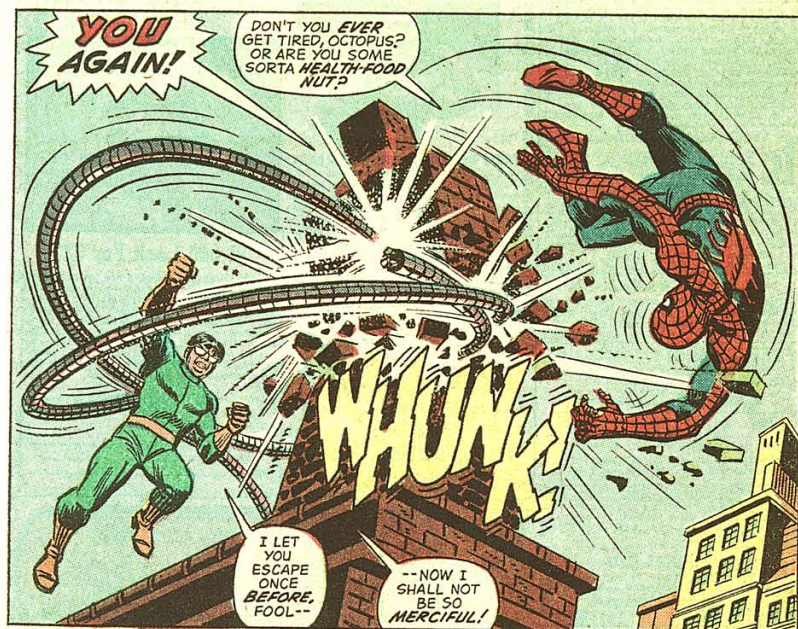
(Aaaaaarrghhhhh -- you did it again. The opening of #109 continues a Marvel tradition. Almost invariably when Gwen and P.P. seem more close than ever, we the readers are frustrated by Flash Thompson or Hydra or the Kree and Skrulls uniting against Irving Forbush. Shades of Bruce Banner and Namor! Enough... Nobody can touch you guys, but keep on improving (if such a thing were possible).

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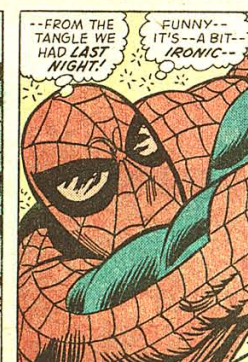
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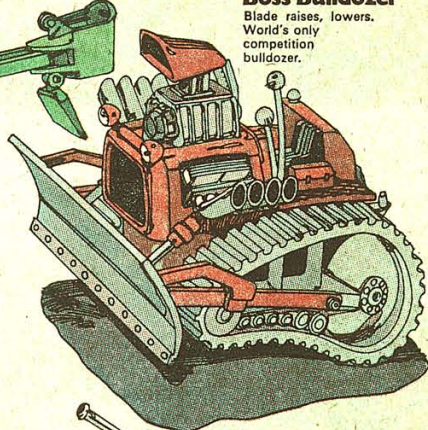
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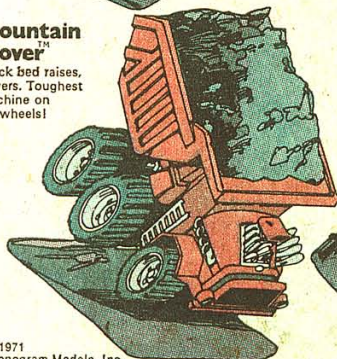
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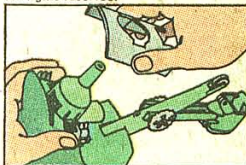


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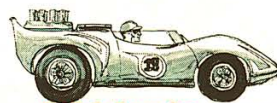
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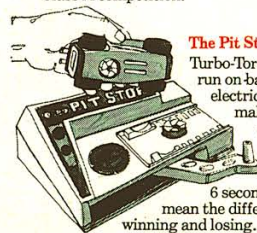
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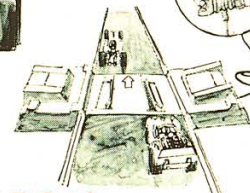
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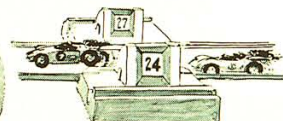
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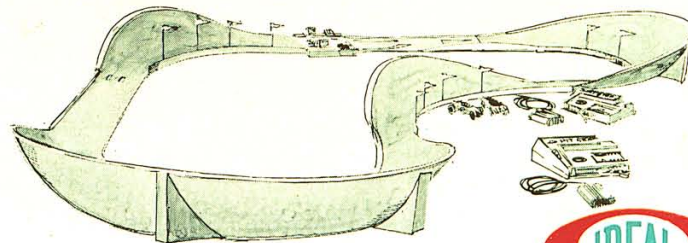


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